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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: REFUSE INCINERATION PLANT

REF: STATE 309477

1. MAYOR OF ASUNCION INFORMED EMBOFF THAT CITY IS INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE PLANT, BUT HAS NO FUNDS TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A PROJECT. ACCORDINGLY HE HAS TALKED WITH SOME PRIVATE COMPANIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY COULD INSTALL A PLANT AND OPERATE IT UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT. THE PLANT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE FERTILIZER AND RECOVER RAW MATERIALS FROM GARBAGE, WITH INCOME THEREFROM EARMARKED TO PAY FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF PLANT. BRAZILIANS AND JAPANESE HAVE SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN PROJECT, BUT REPORTEDLY NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED.

2. IF UOP INC. OR OTHER U.S. COMPANY IS INTERESTED IN PROJECT, PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SENT TO: SENOR INTENDENTE MUNICIPAL DE ASUNCION, GENERAL DE BRIGADA DON PORFIRIO PEREIRA RUIZ DIAZ, MUNICIPALIDAD LA CAPITAL, CALLE PALMA, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT PROJECT WOULD BE PROFITABLE. THERE HAS BEEN TALK OF CONSTRUCTION
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FOR A REFUSE PLANT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACCEPTABLE OFFERS. COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE MACHINERY, CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WITH MUNICIPALITY CONTRIBUTING ONLY LIBERATION FROM CUSTOMS DUTY FOR EQUIPMENT. PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS WOULD HAVE TO PREPARE MARKET STUDY AT OWN EXPENSE.

IN THIS RESPECT, U.S. SUPPLIERS SHOULD NOTE THAT,
ALTHOUGH POPULATION OF ASUNCION IS CLOSE TO 650,000,
QUANTITY OF GARBAGE AVAILABLE WOULD COMPARE TO
U.S. CITY OF ABOUT 200,000. FURTHERMORE, LOCAL
MARKET FOR BOTH FERTILIZERS AND REPROCESSED MATERIALS
IS SMALL.
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